ANS Early Correspondence 1867

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Noted Writers: R.W. McLachlan; William E. DuBois, Curator, [and] H.R. Linderman, Director, Philadelphia Mint; William Elliot Woodward.

Main Correspondents: Charles De F. Burns; Prof. Charles E. Anthon; [Isaac] Francis Augustus Wood; Frank H. Norton.

Other Correspondents: Alf. Sandham, Montreal Numismatic Society; Henry Applegate, Jr.; A.B. Sage; R.A. Brock; J. Watt DePeyster; R.W. McLachlan; F.P. Randall; Jacob Resor; William Wood Seymour; E. Layton; J.T. Bowne; Benjamin J. Candler; E.Y. Ten Eyck; William E. DuBois, Curator, [and] H.R. Linderman, Director, Philadelphia Mint; A. Ramsey McCoy; Charles McFarland; William Elliot Woodward.

Noted Subjects: Cyrus W. Field medal, 1858; Abraham Lincoln medal struck by French.

Noted Documents:

- Norton to Wood: Letter and list of [founding] members of the ANAS [unreliable info]
- Typed page telling of Lincoln medal struck by French
- William E. DuBois, Phila. Mint Curator, queries for a system of distributing specimen coins, and pattern pieces, and discusses the cooperation of the Mint with American coin collectors
- H.R. Linderman, Phila. Mint Director comments on proposed regulations for future Mint issues
- William E. Woodward gives the details of his sale in Roxbury, MA

From W. Elliot Woodward	Re: Mickley Collection Sale	Sept 10
" " "	" Details of a sale in Boston	July 12
A. B. Sage	Subscription list Cyrus Field	Oct. 1
R. A. Brock	enclosing "trifles" as donations	Nov. 19
H. R. Linderman, Director Mint	RE:Comment upon proposed regulations for future Mint issues	June 24
J. Watt DePeyster	RE: Membership in question	June 17
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F. P. Randall	" enc. specimens for history (their)	May 28th
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R. W. McLachlan	" Finds(Indian) at Nochelaga	May 16
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San Francisco, February 16th 1867.

Chas. De F. Burns, Esq.

Dear Sir:

Since my last communication to you I have endeavored in every possible way to gain information upon the Henry Clay medallet and am now compelled to report my total inability to discover any trace of them. The same with regard to the "California" medallet.

In the latter case it is possible, though not probable that the dies are in existence but in whose hands they are is hard to find out as the engravers have no trace of them.

Herewith submit to you a description of the same as promised.

Rev. A figure standing with the right hand resting on a shield, on which is engraved the word "Union", while the left hand grasps an American flag. Beside her stands an eagle looking intently in her face. Underneath the group is the word "California". Obv. Union now and forever, one and inseparable inscribed within a wreath. Size 10.

Numismatics are in the same low state here and but little offering in the coin line. I believe I am the only one here who still keeps up the interest and who makes this a study. Please tell Mr. Norton that if the Journal continues another year he can depend upon one for two subscriptions. Enclosed please

find a number of Express frands which I pleasure present to the society with my best regards.

You will find a number of medals which may be of advantage in exchanging for others.

I trust the medal sent you some time since has duly arrived and will be acceptable. It is the only one I could get and it at a few considerable trouble.

They are all, I believe, the medals or medals that have ever been struck here and the engravers or, rather die-sinkers who made them have long "gone to their long home". One of them perished on the Brother Jonathan and the other died here.

With kindest regards and treating some letters from you, I am, as ever,

Yours very respectfully,

Henry Applegate, Jr.

Cor. Secy. Amer. H. A. & A. Soc'y.

S. F.

To

the Officers & Members of the
American Numismatic & Archaeological Soc.

Gentlemen

I respectfully beg leave to present the following report of the Correspondence of the Society for the past year.

A number of Communications have been received from various parties asking information concerning the Society, the Journal, or Numismatic subjects, which have been answered, and the desired information furnished.

Letters have been sent to the Governors of the different States whose seals are not in possession of the Society, requesting impressions of the same — no replies have as yet however been received.

Several Communications have been received from J. H. Applegate Esq. Cor. Mem. at San Fco., with donations of Stamps, &c.

The necessary report as to the condition, &c. of the Society for the past year was made to the County Clerk.

A Communication was addressed to Prof. Jos. Henry, Secy Smithsonian

institutions requesting donation of such of their publications as have a more immediate bearing on the subjects to which the attention of the Society is devoted. The application was favorably received, and a number of valuable and interesting works forwarded for the Library of the Society.

Several letters have been received from Mess. Stevens, & Mr. Wyon concerning the Lincoln medal, & its fac-similes, which have been answered as directed by the Society.

In conclusion I beg to ask the indulgence of the Society for the want of attention which I have given to the duties of the office for the past year — various causes have contributed to this, and I can only say that I regret it exceedingly.

Respectfully Yrs.

Charles De F. Burns.

New York, April 10/67.

Numismatic and Antiquarian Society,

Montreal March 14 1867

My dear Sir

Your kind letter has safely arrived. My other remittance is probably little the "Wandering Jew" still travelling onwards. I however enclose you $3-00 which I hope will be more fortunate in finding the proper owner.

I regret very much that "financially" your journal is a failure for I assume you that I consider it "Editorially" a success. and I hope that the proposed changes may materially increase its circulation. I for one will do whatever may be in my power to forward its interests, as soon as I thoroughly understand the nature of the changes

As regards your request that you might be furnished with articles on our Canadian coins I shall, perhaps, at some future day, endeavour to furnish a few short articles, which I may not prove unwelcome to you

On behalf of the Society, I would thank you for your kind offer to render us your aid, whenever necessary. I feel sure I may say that if you will kindly inform me how your Numismatic Cabinet is furnished with specimens of our Coinage I shall (personally) be happy to send any specimen which I am able to procure, to render it as complete as possible. That is, if your Society will accept of them.

Some of our Coin, which a year or so ago were met with almost every day are now found to be procured and should "Confederation" be our future, this will be entirely withdrawn from circulation and will probably be replaced by a national coinage, so that no time is to be lost by those who desire to collect them.

Our Society was never in a more healthy condition than it is at present. Our Monthly meeting was held last evening and was well attended. I send you by mail a copy of "Daily News" containing a report of the meeting.

We expect in a few weeks to secure a place in one of our public museums in which a portion will be set aside for the proper exhibition of our cabinet & collection of Curiosities & Antiquities. We feel certain that this will tend greatly to advance the interest of the public in our favorite study and we hope yet to see the day when our Society shall occupy a prominent place among the Societies of Montreal.

Hoping that Professor & family are in good health and that your Society may "increase and multiply" I shall now close by apologizing for this intrusion on your time.

I am Dear Sir
Yours truly
Alf Sandham

Box 564 P.O.

New York, April 1st 1817.

Hon. Chas. E. Mathews

Dear Sir —

~~Enclosed please find for retention and remittance~~

We beg to call your attention to a coin of which we believe is not in America, thinking you might like to buy it for the Society of which you are Cor. Secy. We will retain it here the remainder of this week, giving it first opportunity to purchase. The intrinsic value is about $20 Gold. The story told by the person who sold it was that but about 40 were struck off — because of the breaking of the die. Whimsey, or may not be true.

The enclosed, is a duplicate of the impression.

Yours Very, Respy.

Henneman & Cleandle

No. 64 Fulton St.

N.Y. April 6th 18[illegible]

[illegible] L. Crutton Esq.

Sir

I duly received yr polite letter in reference to the Lincoln medal.

In answer to yr pecuniary note I have to say that I have received about 30 medals for sale.

Very Resp. Yrs

E. Cayler

P.S. The price is $5

Soon after the assassination of ABRAHAM LINCOLN a Subscription was commenced in France, limited at two cents for each person, for the purpose of offering to Mrs. Lincoln a Gold Medal in honor of the deceased President, and as a testimonial of sympathy, on the part of the French democracy, with the American people in their bereavement. A Committee took charge of the subscription, composed of the following members, viz:

ALBERT, former member of the provisional government; ARAGO, (Etienne) former representative of the people; BARNI, (J.) professor at the Academy of Geneva; BLANC, (Louis) former member of the provisional government; CHASSIN, (Ch. L.); CHAUFFOUR-KESTNER, (Victor, former representative of the people; DELORD, (Taxile) editor of the Avenir National; DESPOIS, (Eugene) professor; GREPPO, former representative; HUGO, (Victor); JOIGNEAUX, (Pierre) former representative; KYEIP, (Louis); LAURENT-PICHAT; LITTRÉ, member of the Institute; MANGIN, (Victor) chief editor of the Phare de la Loire; MICHELET, (J.) member of the Institute; PELLETAN, (Eugene) deputy of the department of La Seine; QUINET, (Edgar) former representative; SCHŒLCHER, (Victor) former Sub-Secretary of State in the Marine department; THOMAS, (Charles) former editor of the National.

The French Government threw every obstacle in the way of the success of the undertaking, prohibiting the publication of any appeal to the French people, and of the subscription list, and even forbidding the medal to be struck in France. There was, consequently, much delay in the collection of the subscription, and in the completion of the work, which had finally to be done in Geneva.

The medal, when ready, was presented by the Committee to Mr. Bigelow for the purpose of being transmitted to Mrs. Lincoln, and the following letter accompanied it.

Madam:

We offer you a Gold Medal in honor of the great and honest man whose name you bear, and have been requested to present it to you by more than 40,000 French citizens, who, in having it struck, were desirous of showing their sympathy with the American Union, in the person of one of its most illustrious and purest minded representatives.

If France enjoyed the same liberty that the American Republic is blessed with, we would be able to count not by thousands, but by MILLIONS, the number of the admirers of Lincoln and the partisans of the principles and opinions to which his life was devoted, and which his death has consecrated.

Be pleased to accept, Madam, the assurance of our profound respect.

Signed by the Members of the Committee.

The Committee has had a limited number of bronze medals made, (fac-simile of the gold medal above referred to) that the same might be offered to some of the distinguished men who were prominent in the support of Mr. Lincoln's administration.

Rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association,

BIBLE HOUSE, CORNER CRAIG & ALEXANDER STREETS,

MONTREAL, April 25th 1867

Thos E. Anthony Esq

My Dear Sir

Your letter of 22nd has come to hand and I now avail myself of a few leisure moments to return you an answer. I can assure you that it will always afford me a great amount of pleasure to give you any information of which I may be possessed. I do not lay any claim to having a thorough knowledge even of our own coinage, but what little I am not in possession of myself I shall gladly endeavor to procure from others. With reference to Mr. Healds sale I would say that it is the third sale held in our city. The first was the collection of Mr. James Rattray, which took place on the 2nd & 3rd November 1865. It consisted of 457 lots and realized $510. The coins were in fair condition, but it is very the first sale

The number of purchasers was small the highest price realized was $74 for the Great of Robert Bruce American prices sold very low. The second sale was the collection of A. J. Boucher Esq (1st President of the Numismatic Society of this city) which took place on the 22nd & 23rd Feb 1866 and consisted of 726 lots and realized At this sale there was greater competition. Canadian coins sold for a fair price. The coin known as the Rebellion Token 75¢ often brought a fair price also. In the United States coins the following are a few prices for Washington Token United States 1783. fine 60¢ Virginia Cent 1773, $1.; Louisiana Token 1722 - 45¢; Massachusetts Pine Tree Shilling very fine $5.35 - Dime of 1796 - 90¢ 1798 - 60¢ - Half dime 1795 - 70¢ - 1797 90¢; 1800 - 45¢ - Medals for sold at good prices averaging about - 80¢ each 2 Bullions of Royal Canadian Tokens 1795. 1812 - $1.20.

The third sale is that of Mr. Hall which continued during three evenings and with a large attendance. The Biddy was spirited and several coins brought a good price. The Muttonhead half penny known as the Side view half penny 1838 sold for $10. This was purchased by an agent for a gentleman in this city and the price placed by him on the coin was $20. It is probably the rarest of our Canadian series, with the exception of a coin belonging to what was called the North West Trading company. There is another Side view half penny 1839 which is valued at $2-00. A lead token sold for $1.25. This was struck from a die, found in this city while building some stores. It is now in the possession of the Numismatic Society of this city. But very few specimens say about 12 were ever struck from these dies. I send you for the Society one specimen, some are sold at the sale. It may be of interest to you

members. A rare variety of the
Prince de Galles Token sold for $3.50
this was purchased for the same gen-
tleman that purchased the pewter piece at
the price fixed by him was $10.
These tokens were issued for pay-
ment of tolls in crossing a bridge
connecting Montreal with the main land.
It would be almost impossible for me
in the limits of this letter or in the time
at my command to give you even an outline
of the history of our coins. We are at present
engaged in compiling a work on Canadian
, which I believe will be very comp
. I will however at some future day perhaps
to your next number endeavour to drop
you a few lines more. Hoping that you will
meet with every success and that a large
number of subscribers may be added to your
list

I am
Yours truly
Alf Sandham

P.S. I had entirely overlooked your question about
the Victoria Canadensis token. With regard to
the token nothing definite is known. It is exceedingly
rude in its workmanship and looks more like the

production of a "blacksmith" token a dear pinder. It is supposed to have been produced as a satirical token having reference to the administration of Jerome Grant. I have laid before you as I write. The best specimen I have ever seen. It is never found in good order. The metal is very soft and you can scarcely say that any relief is given to the inscription or device. The following is a rough sketch of it.

You will see from this that the beauty of the coin will never recommend it. There is no detail either in the bust or the lady? who is either dancing or running, and many of the letters are reversed. I shall endeavour to get a fair specimen of this coin which I shall be happy to send to the Society in my next.

[illegible].

Copy

Mint of the United States
Philadelphia May 11 1867.

Dear Sir

Our new Director of the Mint Dr. H. R. Linderman is anxious to establish a System for the distribution of Pattern & specimen Coins, which shall be just and impartial, satisfactory to collectors of Coins and a source of profit only to the Government. As preparatory to the framing of such a system, he has asked me to consult with the various Numismatic Societies, as well as individual Collectors; and I have therefore to ask that you will confer with the New York Society (whose exact address & the name of the Secy. I have not) to get their opinion on the following points.

1 Whether we shall strike & offer for sale, specimens of the patterns of former

years, so far as the dies are extant & in good order; or whether it would be better to let the first alone and start afresh and prospectively.

2. If such pieces are struck whether the price should be placed somewhat high, in justice to those who have already procured them at high prices. To be more definite I should say three to five dollars each, in copper; with the additional value if in silver or gold.

Any suggestions which may be made by the Society or by yourself will be carefully considered.

Yours truly

signed Wm E. Dubois

C. E. McKay Esq

Dr. Chas. E. Anthon.

Dear Sir

Please send and
& give me the address of Mr.
J. Harry Applegate, Glen Gardner
one of the agents for the "Journal
of Numismatics."

I am very much
pleased with the 1st No. of the 2nd.
Volume of the "Journal" & it is great
improved, both in the quality of
the paper and the style of Printing,
and there is now no obstacle to
prevent it becoming a very useful
and popular work in the country at large.

Remain
Yours Respectfully
Glen Gardner N.J. J. T. Bonnell
May 16th 1877

Please ans. by letter

141 Bleury street
Montreal may 16th 1867

E. G. Fox Esq.

Dear Sir

Enclosed please find three dollars in greenbacks for one year's subscription to the "American Journal of Numismatics". May number of which I have just received, which shows a decided improvement in appearance if not in its contents.

Availing myself of the opportunity offered in your column devoted to "queries and replies", I would ask you concerning a coin described on pag. 60 of Bushnell's "Arrangement of slow Cards &c" as belonging to Belleville New Jersey, and one in my own collection, of which the obverse is an Eagle with an oval in front surrounded by thirteen stars, "J. Duncanson Butcher & Belleville N.J.", and the reverse a Bouquet similar to the cent &c. an "iron son" "Agriculture and commerce + Bas Canada +". Both

ends of the coin have a crack across the face. It is though seldom sometimes met with in circulation and is decidedly a Canadian coin. Is the coin mentioned by Rushwell not Canadian also?

I have lately dug up a considerable number of fragments to I believe in the vicinity of the ancient village of Hochelaga which was visited and visitedby Jaques Cartier when in discovered Canada; several specimens of which, together one or two bones of animals etc. which have been found with them, I shall be happy to present to the "American Numismatic and Archaeological society" should they deem them worthy of their acceptance. I have also in my collection bone instruments, a stone axe hatchet, bones and scales of fish bones and teeth of Beaver, bears, deer etc, cherry and plum stones, a g[illegible] of ancient corn charred fragments

of pipes, some tobacco found in a pipe bowl, which were found together with the pottery from three to eighteen inches from the surface on the banks of a dried up brook which at one time flowed through the city of Montreal. As yet I have not been able to obtain a complete pot or any perfect instruments as the spot where they are found seems to have been their refuse heap.

Hoping that the Journal will be a success and will continue to improve

I am yours respectfully

P. McLachlan.

Amb. Stein A. Ramsay McCoy

Office of Reese & McCoy.

DEALERS IN HIDES & LEATHER

No 22 FERRY ST.

Nw. York May 17 1847.

Prof. C. E. Anthon
Cor Sec'y &c &c

Dear Sir

Enclosed I hand you Copy of a Letter received from Wm E. Dubois Esq Assayer U. S. Mint.

Please present it to the Society at their next meeting for an expression of their views on the subject and communicate the result to Mr D.

Very Respectfully

A Ramsay McCoy

Messrs. Charles E. Anthon,
J. A. Wood. Daniel Parish Junior

Gentlemen

Your note of the 16th inst. requesting me to read before the Numismatic and Archaeological Society a paper "on the history and antiquities of the Cross considered in reference to their illustration in Numismatics as well as in other depart-

ments of Archaeology" has been received. I shall be happy to comply with your complimentary request at such time as may be convenient to the Society. Perhaps as the June meeting is one designated for such papers it may be appropriate.

Very Truly Yours
Tom Wood Seymour

2nd ave. 124th st. New York
May 20th 1867

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia May 22 1867

Prof. Charles E. Anthon
Secretary Amer. Numismatic Society
Sir

I lately addressed a note to my friend A. Ramsay McCoy Esq. of your city, requesting him to bring certain inquiries before your Society. I will now more particularly say, that the new Director of the U.S. Mint, Hon. Henry R. Linderman, is very anxious to place the department of the Mint which supplies medals and proof coins, upon a right and permanent basis; and to annex thereto, the distribution of pattern coins, hitherto distributed or withheld without any rule. This latter branch has grown into importance, not so much by its own intrinsic merit, as by the fancy or ambition which makes an eager competition, and creates a high price, for such pieces. Properly speaking, they ought to be limited to their original purpose, and of course

to a very small number of pieces. But it is found, that the attempt to make this limitation is futile, and the smaller the number struck, the greater is the danger of abuse, and partiality.

The question therefore arises, what would best satisfy collectors in general; whether to go back, & strike ~~pieces~~ pattern pieces of former years, so far as the dies are extant; or to let the past alone; and strike nothing, whether pattern or regular, except within the year of its date. The next question is whether, from this time henceforth, all applicants, ~~paying a~~ within the year of striking, shall be able to obtain pattern pieces; paying a good price therefor, and ceasing to have that opportunity after the year has expired, so as not to make the pieces too cheap and uninteresting. A standing order will of course prevent any omission.

It is also proposed to stop the irregularity of coining fancy pieces by the hybrid crossing of dies; or of using dies for gold and silver upon any but their proper metal; devices which create a spirited bidding, but do not dignify

the numismatic pursuit.

It would be acceptable also to have the opinion of your Society, as to the propriety of putting any real head (in opposition to ideal) upon any of our coins. We have been urged to do justice to the Discoverer of America, by putting his effigy on the five cent token; and we have made some trials of the head of the Father of his Country; but hitherto, the prevailing voice has been against this exaltation, even of one long since departed; or of any imitation of the usage of monarchical Countries.

Whatever regulations are adopted, in the foregoing matters, will be put in print, and one or more copies sent to your Society.

Very respectfully
Wm E Dubois
Ass.t Assayer, &
Principal Curator of the
Mint Cabinet.

Apparently a vendor attempt
to counterfeit a U.S. Dime
c. 1864.

Cincinnati May 14 1869

Prof Chas Cuther
New York

Dear Sir

Enclose a small Coin that I have had
in my little Collection for some years but
do not know more about it than
inform what it is or what it is worth
If upon the receipt of this you inform me
if possible and oblige

Yours Truly

Fort Wayne Ind.
May 24 1897

Dear Sir

Enclosed I send you a few specimens of Coin or medal, that I am not able to give the history or the cause of their issue, I have no work on the Coinage of Europe, they may be very common or very rare, I desire you to examine them and if any one or more of them are worthy of a notice I am with me publish it in the "Journal" I send them by E. L. Wallenstein Esq The Clerk of our City. He spends several weeks in your City of late years time to spend. When he returns I wish him to bring the coins to me, I [illegible] please don't [illegible] be bad I have no [illegible] them

Very respectfully
[illegible]

Thos

AGENCY
OF THE
American Numismatic and Archæological Society.

San Francisco, [illegible] 1[illegible]

Prof. Chas. S. Author,

[illegible] you are we any
in a [illegible] re. of the following
my collection? [illegible]
is as rea as possible. [illegible] size 13. [illegible]
del [illegible] Sudremo [illegible] a arrow [illegible]
a [illegible] arrow. [illegible] cross [illegible]
wreath of laurel. [illegible] "[illegible] Vicus
Volonno"; a bi [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 1 1867

Dear Sir,

Your letter, both as to its information & its courteous tone, was exceedingly gratifying. It will no doubt open the way to further communications.

Will you allow me to say, that having recd replies from the Boston & Philada Societies, and being somewhat anxious to put this matter in shape at an early day — having already some new patterns on hand or preparing — the Director would be glad to have the views of your Society soon. Excuse this importunity.

Truly yours
M E Dubois.

Prof. Anthon, Secy &c &c

Montreal June 1st, 567

Chas. E. Anthon Esq

Corresponding secretary of the American

Numismatic and Archaeological society

Dear Sir.

Your letter, stating that my offer to send a few specimens of the antiquities, found at the site of Hochelaga, had been accepted by the American Numismatic and archaeological society; I have received; and accordingly I send to day, by express, a package containing them; to your address. which I hope will prove acceptable.

I have been trying to obtain subscribers to the journal but have not as yet succeeded in most

collectors here content themselves with picking up every corn they can obtain without knowing, or trying to know, any thing about it. I will still continue to do my utmost to obtain subscribers and further the interests of the Journal in any way possible as I am anxious that it should prove a success

I Am Yours Respectfully

R. W. Wachlan.

New York June 18th 1864

Prof. Albert E. Antisell Jr.

Dear Sir

Will you permit me to
repeat to you a few of the ideas
suggested to me, on reading the
communication received by you
from the United States Mint - As
a nation we are young - and as
coin collectors the majority of us
are very young - and some of us
have gone into collecting with a very
indiscreet zeal and have paid
enormous prices for some of the worst
pieces of our own Mint which our
Government should have furnished
to us at, medium
As American Collectors we are
all of us of course desirous of making
up our collections of the most beautiful

specimens to obtain of all the early coinage of our country, both of the Colonial Series and also of the regular issues of our Mint. But in addition to this, I think that the most of us take great pride in adding to our collections and in the idea of handing down to those that may come after us, complete sets of all the Mint issues of our own time. And I think we have a right to ask our Government to aid us in this matter, so far as to furnish us with specimens of all the issues, both Pattern or Regular, of a given year.

I think that the plan which would give satisfaction to the greatest number of Collectors, would be for the Mint Authorities to order two or three years, limiting the time in which they would receive them, for a complete set of the Pattern Pieces of former years, so far as disposed

which would give an opportunity for all the Collectors desiring to do so — to fill up their collections — and after these orders are fulfilled I think that they should cause the dies to be destroyed, so that the Coins may not become to cheap and commonplace — and for the same reason, I would have them, for all future issues — while furnishing to Collectors, on application, Proof Sets and Specimens of all the Pattern Pieces struck, within the year of striking — ~~and~~ decidedly to limit the issue to that year —

My reason for asking that the Mint should destroy sets of Pattern Pieces from their dies before destroying them — is, that inasmuch as we are now starting out on what may be termed a voyage of discovery in what is to us and to our children, a new science,

I think we should all be en-
titled to stand on equal ground
as far as regards the Mint
Bonus of our own time —

Respectfully Truly Yours

Charles W. Taylor
Comr
Morris Co
N.J.

Toronto
17/6/67

Prof Charles E Arthur,

Dear Sir

About a month ago I was notified that I had been elected a member of the A. & I. Society but supposed it was a life member. On Saturday I was informed by Mr Norton that I was a resident member. I immediately wrote to him to say that I could not be a resident member and if I could not be a life member, as a resident of Dutchess [illegible] There would be [illegible] in end of the matter since I have had to refuse a very honorable position in the Militia because I was not a citizen

[illegible] City. Consequently
[illegible] with great regret
[illegible] I must [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] my [illegible] matter
[illegible] your [illegible] and
[illegible] Respectfully and
[illegible]

[illegible]

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia June 24th 1867.

Professor J. E. Anthon,

Dear Sir,

I return my thanks to You, and the society you represent, for the Report upon proposed regulations for the future issue of medals & cabinet coins, from the U. S. Mint. It has been made with much care and judgment, and its provisions will be in the main reproduced in my forthcoming Circular letter. I have reluctantly deviated in one or two minor particulars, but the reasons will be given, and I think You will be satisfied with them.

The Circular will be issued on the 1st of July, to correspond with the fiscal Year, and as many copies as Your society may have need of, will be forwarded to Your address.

I am, with great respect,
Your Friend & obt Svt.
H. R. Linderman
Director.

Roxbury, Mass.
July 12-1895.

Prof Chas E Anthon.

My Dear Sir,

I should have [illegible] you [illegible] fair of June 21st but [illegible] which [illegible]

[illegible]

gun Paul Jones, and a plan of fire rafts indorsed by him, these sold [illegible] for about $6.5 each, a document concerning the Dr Mins sold $1.50 and a few other autographs, letters brought fair prices.

[illegible] in [illegible]

[illegible] lines averaged something more than

[illegible] each [illegible] very

the cents were of no consequence. and they brought ninety times their weight, one lot of 13 pieces which I would gladly duplicate for $200 brought $1800. The hard times tokens of 1837 were taken by appreciative buyers at 12c each the "Man & Brother" was purchased at 60c while strange to relate the "Woman's Sister" was [illegible] about [illegible] insist upon it that slavery still exists in Massachusetts.

A Jackson Cent "Irish credit" I was [illegible] at 35c

Of [illegible] Half Cents the rare dates being electrotypes and the others almost too far gone for circulation, 77 in number were transferred to the [illegible] Baker collection for the [illegible] $14.50, while a large number cents and half cents, the kind prevalent in Bake shops, and [illegible] were brought only 5½ cents each.

Nickel cents were in better demand, a fair lot of 11 brought $1.32

English tokens more smooth, and

miscellaneous brummagem, now known throughout the United States and Canada as collectors. for a York shilling a piece

A set of cinq in an excellent frame it is understood was bid in by the Hopkins, and at $1600 this set was considered valuable, it contained a good many electrotypes, and these cost - 25¢ each. Now wouldst you advise me to sell the Mickley collection in Boston? - if I only could at corresponding prices I would immediately come to Philadelphia and after looking it over for a few days, would buy it if I liked it.

The engraved piece to which you refer is, if I mistake not, of Charles the second instead of Charles I, or perhaps properly speaking of Charles I II it was sold in my sale Oct 20th - 1863, and was purchased by Mr Cogan for 4. it is a very rare and curious piece, but I have heard of a dozen of them, I have one I do not know where it came from but think it is the same that I once sold where and it was back in some collection,

Any letter addressed to me will

[illegible] be sad by me [illegible]
[illegible] they [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] them [illegible] any [illegible] when
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have by [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] that another. Month my sight
will be so much restored, I should
discouraged, but having had worse attacks
before I have hope that this will be no
more serious than former ones

Pray excuse the length of this letter
truly my [illegible] was not premeditated

Yours Very Sincerely
Ellis Woodward
Mr Ilx,

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia July 19th 1867

Sir:

In accordance with the rules lately adopted I have the pleasure of enclosing for the Society which you represent, the first pattern piece struck under the new system of distribution. It is a 5¢ piece, struck in the new metal – Aluminum, with entirely new devices, & intended to weigh the same as the silver half-dime (19.2 gr, or .04 oz.) But having only 1/4 the specific gravity of the silver piece, it is four times as bulky. It is just the size of the half-eagle. The piece was designed by our Engraver (& dies made by him) upon the theory of giving full intrinsic value; consequently it contains aluminum to the amount of 5¢ in currency. But as this theory will not hold for the minor coinage, it is certain this piece will ever remain a mere experiment. Moreover there is no law to authorize a legal coinage in that metal. Please acknowledge receipt of this, & add any remarks you or your Society may think proper. A small number have been struck & may be had for $3 (currency), no applicant to receive more than one.

Very Respectfully &c
A. L. Linderman
Director

Prof. Chas. E. Anthon
Sec. Amer. Num. Soc'y

AGENCY
OF THE
American Numismatic and Archæological Society.

San Francisco. July 18 1817.

Dr. C. E. Author,

[illegible]

[illegible] may be pertinent but
I do not wish published. Mr.
[illegible]pilton is known here as one of the
[illegible]ralest liars on the face of the globe it
[illegible]ing easier to him to tell a lie [illegible]
[illegible] thing [illegible] when the truth is better.
I am sorry to be compelled to give
[illegible] due, a[illegible] war but

such is the actual state of affairs
I understand that [illegible] Collection
[illegible] Bank of
[illegible] for a
[illegible]

[illegible] Respectfully, yours,

J. Henry Applegate, Jr.

P.S. Please ask Mr. Perine [illegible] he does not
write?

San Francisco, August [illegible], 1867.

Mas. C. [illegible]

Dear Sir:

Your valued favor of the 7th ult. duly came to hand by the last steamer and contents noted with great pleasure. And without an disparage[illegible] nt to your predecessor Mr. Burns, I must confe[illegible] that it has given me more real [illegible] than I have had from all his letters. Accept my sincere thanks for your explanation of the Coin and believe me the Kind act will not be forgotten. I shall probably at some future time study the History of Peru as you say but not so much for the sake of finding out [illegible] was the [illegible] head in 1837 as for its general history.

Numismatics in this jumping off place is [illegible] no means promising. Those, who two or three years ago started in the collection of coins with avidity, have now to appearances retired from the conquest or are reposing on their oars, but whether to wake up [illegible] remains to be seen. From my own experience as from what I have been able to gather I should say the tide is receding never to come up again. But I can say, as the representative of the Mint, N. & G. [illegible] this solemn state, there is one who will not [illegible] her in mind and who, having once started [illegible] acquisition of these precious mementoes of a [illegible] history and posterity, will never [illegible] ex.

I may I to my It is many
years since I have been collecting c
was begun but about two years that I have
it a study and I happy to say that
have been very pleasant to me.

Rest assured my dear sir, that as far as it
is in my power, the journal shall not be
overlooked and I think in this connection that
you had a few extra copies of some of the old
numbers it could be advantageous to send them
so as to distribute them either among the press or
other collectors who may not have heard of it.
Still I leave this to your considera only
calling your attention to it.

Regarding Chinese Dollars, i.e. dollars
Chinese minting, I would remark that
not been a big to one in this city. The money
used by them is the Mexican Dollar, large quantities
which come back with the chinese stamp. If
you wish any of these shall be happy to procure
them for you. Or do you wish a Hong Kong Dollar
with the Victoria head? I see it is a rarer
and it might be you desired this. Any other coins
we have here which you might desire will gladly
secure for you.

Awaiting your commands, I with
my kindest regards, I am,

Yours very respectfully,
Henry A. Hegate

AGENCY
OF THE
American Numismatic and Archæological Society.

San Francisco, August 17th 1867.

Prof. Thos. E. Mathon,
Dear Sir:

In answering your favor by the last steamer, I omitted to ask whether you had the Dollar of Maximilian late Emperor of Mexico or not? also the Society.

My reason for asking is, that if you or the Society have not, and desire it, I think I can succeed in getting one although they command a high premium here, costing from five to twelve dollars gold each.

I have now three in my possession and am expecting another in a few weeks. Should you desire one I'll get you one if I will endeavor to do so, and with kind regards, am,

Respectfully yours,
Henry H. Legate, Jr.

No. 64 Wall St.
N.Y. Sept. 4th 1867.

Chas. E. Anthon Esq.
Dear Sir:

We once before had the pleasure, when we called your attention to a Maximilian $20. piece, which coin we disposed of to Mr. C. H. Ten Eyck – Since the decease of Maximilian we have seen but two other coins duplicate, of the one mentioned, one of which we now offer for sale to you or any of your friends, – if purchaser pay case to purchase – $18, & 50c. – cash money. – This coin

the room offer is even more perfect than the one we sold, and therefore, at this time, might have an enhanced value to us. We offer it to you.

Very Truly Yours,
Steinway & Sons

We will be pleased to hear from you at as early a day as possible.

Roxbury Mass Sept 10th 1857

Dear Sir.

I have the pleasure of stating that the catalogue of the Mickley Collection is nearly ready for distribution and that the sale will take place in New York City at the Book Trade Sale Rooms of Messrs Leavitt & Trowbridge & Co. Clinton Hall - Astor Place and Eighth St. on Monday Oct. 28th and five following days. New York collectors will please procure their catalogues of Mr. Edward Cogan collectors in other places will be supplied by me -

The extent of the collection is such that it would be impossible in a letter to enumerate its rarities but happily it is too well known to require such enumeration - sufficient to say of this - what can be said of few others - it contains almost every piece which any collector may require to complete his American cabinet.

I hope that the high character of the collection will insure a large attendance at the sale and that the catalogue will prove so attractive as to induce you to be present.

Yours Very Truly.

W. Elliot Woodward.

170 Broadway

New York Sept 30/87

Prof Chas E. Anthon
Corresponding Sec'y
Am Num & Arch Soc'y

Dear Sir. As the Society will soon renew its meetings, and as it is my intention to lay before its members a statement, in brief, of the events which have transpired since our last gathering, you will therefore have the kindness to send me at your Earliest convenience a full report of such matters as may have come before you a Corresponding Sec'y

Respectfully Yours
E. T. Den Eyck
Pres Am Num & Arch Soc'y

LAW OFFICES OF A. B. SAGE,

New York. Oct 1 1867

Gentlemen:

It affords me great pleasure to present you herewith, ~~with~~ the original subscription list of the medal presented by a few of the citizens of New York to Cyrus W. Field Esq in 1858.

Respectfully Yours

A. B. Sage

To the members of
the Am. A. & S. Society

Richmond Va. Nov. 19 1887.

Dear Sir

I inclose some bifles which I request of you to present to the "American Numismatic and Archæological Society" if you think them worthy of its acceptance, or objects of any interest. The tracing is one of a silver medal formerly among the collections of the Virginia Historical Society, and was supposed to have been a peace offering of the Early settlers to the aboriginal potentate to whom it is inscribed.

I regret that nothing of more interest has fallen under my observation, or come into my hands to offer to the Society.

With the heartiest wishes for its success and prosperity,

I remain Dear Sir

Yours, most Respy

Wm. A. Proctor

To

Prof: Chas. E. Anthon
Corr: Secy A. N. & A. Society
New York.

In reply to yours of the 6th I will dispose of a few of the names at once from my own knowledge.

Col. A. B. Sage is dead. Hon. E. G. Squier is living with his brother in Brooklyn – very much out of health, but not at present in a lunatic asylum. W. S. F. Mayers is attached to the British Legation at Pekin (I think) or at one of the Chinese Ports. Wm. Satterlee lives 349 East 15th St. If you can find Koch or Oliver – which, I think, would not be difficult, they can inform you as to Forkitt, Whitmore, Gibbs, & Collet. The others I will make inquiries about, and communicate again.

Yours Very Truly
Elliot H. Norton

This I found to be alto-

gether unfounded. I wonder

what — I attempt to

check up for do I am

[illegible] the [illegible] pattern

[illegible]

I never heard [illegible] for

[illegible]

Robt Newitt Jr
Wm C. Prime
John D. W. Coy
Frank S. Edwards (deceased)
Chas. D. F. Burns
John A. Nexsen
Jos. S. Gay
Jr. H. T. Leveil
Wm H. Strobridge
Jas Earl ~~(deceased)~~
Loring Watson (disgraced)
Elbert A Woodward - deputy clerk Board of Supervisors Rooms 7 City Hall
Philip E. Bogart 174 Pearl
George Hodgson 64 Wall
Wm H. Pell
Geo. C. Seaman Gr 5th Av. & 10th St.
Wm Anderson Union Bank
Wm A Lillendall

The last seven were new members elect.

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4	A. A. Anderson	29.	62
Initiation paid	Samuel P. Avery Jr.	6	68 Paid.
Jan 1893	Prof Felix Adler Dues & Initiation to Jan 1894	10	00 Paid.
		31.	48.

	Benj. Betts	5 00	Paid.
Rev.	R. L. Burtell D.D.	5 00	
	J. H. Van Eyck Burr.	5 00	Paid
	Isaac Blum	10 00	
	John R. Bartlett	10 00	
	Bannan L. Belden	5 00	Paid.
	Rev. Arthur Brooks D.D.	5.00	Paid
Jan 16/93	John H. Buck dues & donation to Jan 94	10 00	Paid
		30 00	